

Directive

9180.15

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INSPECTION OF EXPORT LOTS FOR COTTONSEED

1. PURPOSE

This directive establishes procedures for official inspection personnel in examining all export shipments to Egypt for the presence of cottonseed.

2. REPLACEMENT HIGHLIGHTS

This directive replaces FGIS Directive 9180.15, dated 10/29/96. The previous directive applied only to export wheat lots to Egypt. This directive expands the existing procedures to all grain lots for export to Egypt.

3. BACKGROUND

Egyptian plant quarantine regulations prohibit the entry of any cottonseed in grain shipments. In September 1988, the Federal Grain Inspection Service (FGIS) began examining all export wheat shipments to Egypt for cottonseed contamination on a subplot basis. In October 1996, at the request of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), FGIS began examining each component in each wheat lot in lieu of each subplot.

Subsequently, Egypt has begun actively requesting the analysis for presence of cottonseed in lots other than wheat. APHIS has included this request in their revised import requirements for Egypt. Therefore, FGIS is revising this directive to apply to all grain lots destined for Egypt.

4. PROCEDURES

Official inspection personnel shall:

- a. Examine component samples for cottonseed during routine infestation checks;
- b. Immediately notify the applicant when cottonseed is detected;

- c. Record the number of cottonseed found in each component sample on the inspection log; and
- d. Notify the local APHIS office of the inspection results, as requested. Field office managers shall work with the local APHIS office and arrange for the efficient transfer of information between FGIS and APHIS offices.

For identification of cottonseed, refer to the official line slide, OF-34.0, **A**Cottonseed.**@**

Questions regarding this procedure should be directed to the Standards and Procedures Branch at (202)720-0252.

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